



Freedom Lodge No. 118

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
<http://FreedomLodge118.org>

Stated Communication – January 1, 2016
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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From the East

New Worshipful and New Year's Resolutions

Greetings Brethren

I'd like to thank the Brethren of Freedom Lodge for electing myself and the slate of officers for 2016. We will work diligently to make our stated meetings educational and keep the Masonic traditions of Freedom Lodge No. 118 with fellowship before our Stated and fraternal visits as the King's Freedom Crusaders.

I would like to thank (Most) Worshipful Loyd Davis for his leadership of Freedom Lodge No. 118 in 2015. Past Master Loyd Davis introduced our Lodge to several Past Grand Masters and a brief glimpse of their respective years. The common theme was to support our important institution and help a Brother if within your cable-tow, because many travel from long distances to attend our Stated.

Our January Stated is on January 1, 2016 better known as New Year's Day. Many folks will make (even so brief) a few New Year's resolutions. I would suggest a couple Masonic resolutions to the Brethren. First is to attend all twelve Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated meetings and Meet-ups. Second, participate on at least three fraternal visits to other Lodges. Third, ask how can I help maintain our Lodge. We need to perform many repairs to the Lodge before the 125th year celebration. Since the curb installation in front of the Lodge, we have an opportunity to perform some beautification and install new bricks into our Masonic Walk. Our Lodge has several interior projects which need to be discussed, planned, and completed during 2016. Recently, Chuck Wyant, Senior Warden, Worshipful Dick Phillips, and Right Worshipful Harris McGarrah installed an outside bulletin board. We added a poster which provides information regarding Lodge name, stated date/ time, history, and website.

A reminder, Lodge 2016 membership assessments are due. Thank you to the Brothers that have already paid. If you have not yet had an opportunity to pay, please bring your checkbook to the next meeting to save us postage. Please consider including a donation to the Lodge Building Fund along with your dues.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on January 1, 2016, followed by Lodge at 8 PM. Coat and tie please.

-David

Correct in the West

Chuck Wyant
Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren:

So with elections complete, I reflect on a year that was beyond what I could have imagined. PM Lloyd, you're a tough act to follow. Each program was unique, inspirational, new ideas, and provoked research for further knowledge. Thank you, Brother Lloyd.

What is a Lodge? As we learned this year there is a commitment of a Past Master to remain active in his Lodge until the most junior in line leaves the East, six years with a Junior Steward. Service, to help ensure the consistency in the Lodge of the years that follow him. I know we all know that there is a "minimum" but there is no "maximum" number to sit in a Lodge is there!? My challenge to all this year, let's fill the Lodge with "US", Freedom 118 Brethren. Let's work on wearing out the benches from heavy use. In closing see you in Lodge on the same night as it has been for 124 years at Freedom 118.

Your Senior Warden
-Chuck

Right in the South

Wes Hirschhorn
Junior Warden

As we pause at the hour of refreshment let us reflect on the good work accomplished in the previous term as members of Loyd's Legion and rededicate ourselves to a continuance of that friendship, Masonic education, brotherly love and service.

I look forward to the opportunity to see the Brethren properly fed before our meetings even though I'm not Chuck Wyant. I'm sure you will all be happy with what is spread before you.

May all of you and your families have a safe, warm and meaningful Christmas holiday.

S&F
Wes



Living Past Masters

Larry D. Frye,	1983,2005-2007
Franklin C. Lamm,	1985
Roy Harris McGarrah, Jr.	1992-1995, 2011
Clifford S. Free,	1996-1999
Richard A. Phillips,	2000-2003
Gary R. Ing,	2004
George M. Shoemaker, Jr.,	2008-2010
Philip B. Brooks,	2012, 2014
Thomas W. Brierton,	2013
Loyd Davis	2015

Mark Your Calendar

Feb 5 – Freedom Stated
Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p
Mar 4– Freedom Stated
Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p
Mar 19 – Grand Master's
Official Visit to District 2
Creek's Edge Winery, 6p – Ticket required

Most Worshipful

James Edward Litten
Grand Master
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January Masonic Birthdays
Ray Mauk Milton Hummer

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	2
3	4 Olive Branch #114 Stated	5	6	7	8	9 DLC in Warrenton 8a
10	11	12 Ashburn Sterling #288 Stated	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Freedom Meet-Up Fellowship 6:30p, Education 7:30p	21 Hamilton Thompson #37 Stated	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	6

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